

Manager
of
McMullin
House
(Hotel)

THOMAS HICKEN JR.



Thomas Hicken, Jr., son of Thomas and Catharine Fewkes, was born December 19, 1852, at Provo, Utah, and died September 30, 1946, at Raymond, Alberta, Canada. He married Sarah Jane McMullin on December 2, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She was the daughter of Henry and Mary McMullin, born October 21, 1856, at East Weber, Utah, and died in January, 1894.

Then he married Mary LaVina McMullin in 1895, daughter of Alfonso and Lucy McMullin. She was born June 20, 1873, at Heber, Utah.

When Thomas was but a small boy his parents, with their family, moved to Heber City, Utah. He, like other boys, herded cows and attended school in a little schoolhouse in the northwestern part of town.

When he was older he herded cattle out in Strawberry Valley. The Indians bothered their cattle quite a lot. One day, after the Indians had driven their cattle away, he caught one by the hair of the head, and he had a knife. He told the Indian if he ever drove the cattle away again he would cut his head off. He said they never bothered the cattle again. Father later taught school for a short time. 382

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He married Sarah Jane McMullin, daughter of Henry and Mary McMullin. They managed the McMullin Hotel, which stood where now stands the Ashton store. They were married December 2, 1880, in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. To them were born seven children.

Father farmer and also was assessor and collector for Wasatch County many years.

In 1893 he was called to fulfill a mission to the Southern States. He had only been there about eight months when mother gave birth to a baby girl. She got blood poison and died before father could get home, leaving seven small children. The eldest was 12 years. Father kept the family together by having several girls and women help.

On October 12, 1894, he was ordained bishop of Heber West Ward by Apostle F. M. Lyman, which position he held until April, 1902, when he and his family moved to Raymond, Alberta, Canada.

In 1895 he married Mary Lavina McMullin, daughter of Alfonso and Lucy McMullin. She was a very lovely woman, 20 years of age. She took over the job of rearing this family. They, too, had a family, consisting of 10 children.

While in Canada, father farmed, helped to pioneer the country, and always was on hand to aid in religious or any other way.

He returned to Utah on a visit whenever he could. He loved the mountains and the Stars and Stripes. He never gave up his U. S. citizenship.

This article appeared in a Raymond paper:

"The lure of the old swimming hole in Raymond is not confined to the young, as middle-age and old join in the plunge at 'Scheifers' Lake, near the sugar factory. Among the happy throng was no other than 81-year-old Thomas Hicken. A splendid citizen and father of 17 children, he, with three of his sons, joined the crowd, Dad setting a pace difficult for the six-foot boys to follow. This elderly citizen is quite an active man, who believes in exercising to keep physically fit and to live long.

He died at 93, on September 30, 1946, and was buried in Raymond, Alberta, Canada. 383

